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SUBJ: ICJ ELECTIONS

1. JAPANESE AMB. SAITO ASKED THAT USUN ASSIST AS POSSIBLE IN URGING THAT ICJ ELECTIONS NOT RPT NOT BE FURTHER DELAYED. THESE HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 30 OCTOBER BUT HAD BEEN POSTPONED TO 6 OR 7 NOVEMBER; THE LATEST PROPOSAL BY UNDER SYG MORSE'S OFFICE IS FOR 17 NOVEMBER. FORTUITOUSLY, LEGAL COUNSEL SUY RAISED THE QUESTION OF OPTIMUM TIME FOR ELECTIONS WHEN MISOFF CALLED ON HIM ON ANOTHER MATTER LATER ON 27 OCTOBER. MISOFF OBSERVED GREATER DELAY INCREASES PRESSURES ON CANDIDATES AND STIMULATES MORE UNDESIRABLE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES BY THEM AND ON THEIR BEHALF. SUY NODDED AGREEMENT.

2. SUY OBSERVED THAT ELIAS OF NIGERIA IS NOT ONLY OUTSTANDING IN TERMS OF INTEGRITY, BALANCE AND EXPERIENCE, BUT THAT HE IS FAR AND AWAY THE BEST QUALIFIED OF THE AFRICAN NOMINEES. MISOFF NOTED WE HAVE LONG HELD ELIAS IN HIGH REGARD, AND ESPECIALLY FROM HIS SERVICE TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DURING THE 1968-69 VIENNA CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF TREATIES (WHERE HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE).
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